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SUBJ: END OF LARG PM JALLUD'S MIDDLE EAST MEDIATION ROLE

1. SINCE LARG PM JALLUD'S "TRIUMPHAL" RETURN TO TRIPOLI EVENING OF JULY 29, LOCAL MEDIA HAS BEEN TRUMPHETING HIS PRAISE AS THOUGH LEBANON CIVIL WAR HAD ENDED AND THEN ONLY AS A RESULT OF JALLUD'S "HEROIC" MEDIATION EFFORTS WHICH PRODUCED YET ANOTHER TENUOUS CEASEFIRE THAT IS ALREADY CONTROVERSIAL.

2. JALLUD, WAS MET UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT UQBA IBN NAFE AIR BASE BY LAR CHIEF OF STAFF ABU BAKR YOUNIS JABER AND LESSER RCC MEMBERS, MINISTER OF STATE AL-ZUWAI AND FM UNDER SECRETARY DOURDA. CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT FROM WELCOMING DELEGATION WAS RCC CHAIRMAN COL. QADHAFI. ASIDE FROM SELF PRAISE JALLUD HAS MADE SEVERAL RELEVANT COMMENTS ON LEBANESE CRISIS AND SYRIAN INVOLVEMENT. LARG PM CLAIMS SYRIA HAS THREE DIVISIONS IN LEBANON, THAT CLASHES WITH PALESTINIANS WERE PARTIALLY DUE TO
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ASSAD DESIRE TO MAINTAIN DIGNITY OF HIS ARMY. ACCORD-

ING TO JALLUD, ALL PARTIES TO DISPUTE WERE INITIALLY
"NERVOUS AND CONVULSED WITH SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE."
HE MAINTAINS "AMERICAN ZIONIST-ARAB" CONSPIRACY EXISTS
IN LEBANON AGAINST PALESTINIANS AND LEBANESE LEFT.
HE CONTINUED HIS MISSION, HE ASSERTED, BECAUSE OF THIS
CONSPIRACY AND THAT HE WAS OFTEN "SUBJECT TO DEATH."
PALESTINIANS DISTRUST SYRIANS FOR, AMONGST OTHER
REASONS, PRESENCE OF SYRIAN DIVISION 150 METERS FROM
PLO HEADQUARTERS, SAID JALLUD. SYRIANS ALLEGEDLY
EXERTED PRESSURE ON HIM TO CONVINCE PLO TO STOP
FIGHTING OR SYRIAN FORCES WOULD RESUME THEIR ADVANCE
WITH DEVASTATING RESULTS FOR PLO.

2. JALLUD STATED PARTIAL SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM SIDON
ENABLED PLO RESISTANCE TO OPEN PORT AND RECEIVE
SUPPLY OF AMMUNITION, ARMS AND FOOD AND RAISE ITS
MORALE. RESULTS OF WITHDRAWAL WERE REFLECTED IN
"PROGRESS" OF FIGHTING NEXT DAY, JALLUD CLAIMED.

3. JALLUD DESCRIBED LATEST CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
SYRIA AND PLO AS MORE IMPORTANT THAN REPORTED IN PRESS.
ACCORDING TO PM, AGREEMENT "STIPULATES COHERENCE
BETWEEN SYRIA AND PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE FOR RESUMPTION
OF THEIR HEROIC ROLES IN FACE OF AMERICAN, ZIONIST
SURRENDER SCHEMES, AND STABILIZES PERMANENT AND
GENUINE PEACE IN LEBANON." AGREEMENT ALSO ALLEGEDLY
GUARANTEES PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IN LEBANON, MAINTENANCE
OF RESISTANCE GAINS, NON-PARTITION OF LEBANON, AND
BEGINNING OF "EQUITABLE" DIALOGUE BETWEEN ALL LEBANESE
PARTIES.
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